

GREETINGS and Welcome to each grantee and all participants at every site and location! I am GG Somerville with CSAT's Division of Services Improvement that includes the HIV/AIDS/ Discretionary and Minority AIDS Initiative, as found also in CSAP and CMHS.

We are so pleased to be with you today as we continue our work together on the co-location and integration of HIV medical care into your substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs and mental health services. We look forward to our continued collaboration with you to create infrastructure to provide integrated behavioral health care; HIV care; and hepatitis screening, testing vaccination. I hope your day will be fulfilling and provide new learning opportunities over the next two days.

As you head into this learning opportunity, for each of you and your programs and community note that the MAI-CoC is, as a whole, a 'continuous learning community'. This meeting is *our first, for this program using a 'grantee virtual get-together'*. Used in place of an 'in-person session'it is an excellent opportunity given the limitations, on travel and time, and represents a "NEW PAGE" for many of us in this program.

I want to encourage you to use these sessions, in collaboration with your GPO to connect with your peers around the MAI-CoC virtual 'village', and for the future, maybe commit to more sessions that have a smaller venue, such as a community of practice.

We are in an environment of many exciting things going on - such as the new National HIV/AIDS Strategy roll-out, and continued developments in care and treatment! BEST OF LUCK AND ENJOY YOUR SESSIONS!